Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending October 31, 1985

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	10,422	5,253	1,511	778	954	466
Prof., Tech., Managerial (00,19)	1,699	652	218	78	286	94
Clerical (20-24)	2,155	1,811	297	247	173	139
Sales (25-29)	550	271	73	31	37	19
Services (3)	1,716	1,095	268	167	97	66
Farm (4)	105	27	8	1	6	1
Processing (5)	175	74	26	11	22	4
Machine Trade (6)	872	272	80	24	47	10
Benchwork (7)	1,038	725	209	136	152	100
Structural (8)	1,140	70	157	24	48	3
Miscellaneous (9)	939	240	170	55	76	26
Unclassified	33	16	5	4	10	4

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	October 1985	September 1985	July 1, 1985 to October 31, 1985
Total applicants for employment	2,164	2,698	10,422
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,865	2,914	11,597
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,479	2,584	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	2,257	1,405	6,193

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

November

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SUMMARY: Total unemployment in New Hampshire increased by 460 from mid-October to mid-November. The latest total of 14,360 unemployed represents 2.7 percent of the civilian labor force of 540,040. The October rate was 2.6 percent and a year ago it was 3.2 percent. Based on the latest state and area data available (October 1985), New Hampshire has had the lowest rate of any state in the country for the past three months and the Manchester Metropolitan Area has had the lowest rate of the 253 metropolitan statistical areas in the county for the past two months. Four areas recorded increased unemployment from October, while three areas remained unchanged and five areas recorded minor unemployment decreases of 70 or less. Seasonal unemployment, as well as some layoffs in manufacturing, accounted for the slightly increased unemployment rate. While some trade establishments added on additional workers in preparation for Christmas business, others curtailed operations as tourism decreased significantly after the Columbus Day holiday. Unemployment rates ranged from a high of 4.8 percent in the Littleton area to a low of 1.8 percent in the Claremont and Concord area. Year ago comparisons point out that ten of the areas recorded lower unemployment in November 1985 then in November 1984.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 450 workers from October as manufacturing was up 800 while nonmanufacturing dropped 1,250. Compared to the same period a year ago, nonagricultural wage and salary employment is up 30,600 workers as manufacturing is down 5,350 and nonmanufacturing is up 35,950. The largest gain occurred in trade which is up 16,900. Construction continued to experience a very good year as employment is up 7,950 from a year ago. The most significant drop in jobs occurred in electrical products which is down 2,750 from last year.

Manchester Economic Conditions: Total unemployment remained unchanged from October. The 2.0 percent unemployment rate is expected to, once again, be the lowest of any metropolitan statistical area reporting. A year ago the rate was 2.1 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 500 workers from October and is up 2,100 from the year ago level. Over the year manufacturing has decreased by 600 workers while nonmanufacturing has increased by 2,700. Services is up 1,100 and construction is 800 over last year's level.

Nashua Economic Conditions: Total unemployment increased only slightly as the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 2.7 percent. A year ago the rate was 2.2 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 750 from October and is up 2,450 from a year ago. While manufacturing is down 1,250 from last year, nonmanufacturing is up 3,700 workers. In the manufacturing sector, durable goods is down 600 and nondurables 650. However, in the nonmanufacturing sector, trade is up 1,450, services 1,000, and construction 750.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural
Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Month	Year	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Month	Year	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	540,040	540,240	527,010	-200	13,030	88,480	87,810	88,600	670	-120	96,530	95,700	95,880	830	650
2. Unemployment	14,360	13,900	17,110	460	-2,750	1,780	1,780	1,860	0	-80	2,600	2,560	2,090	40	510
Percent of labor force	2.7	2.6	3.2	xxx	xxx	2.0	2.0	2.1	xxx	xxx	2.7	2.7	2.2	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	525,680	526,340	509,700	260	15,980	86,700	86,030	86,540	670	160	93,930	93,140	93,790	790	140
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	200	0	-200	0	0	200	0	-200	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	488,050	488,500	457,450	-450	30,600	80,450	79,950	78,350	500	2,100	85,100	84,350	82,650	750	2,450
Manufacturing	121,150	120,350	126,500	800	-5,350	15,450	15,650	16,050	-200	-600	36,300	35,900	37,550	400	-1,250
Durable goods	82,050	81,350	85,250	700	-3,200	9,200	9,250	9,050	-50	150	30,950	30,500	31,550	450	-600
Lumber & wood prods.	5,350	5,150	5,500	200	-150										
Furniture & fixtures	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0										
Stone & clay prods.	3,000	2,950	3,000	50	0										
Primary metal prods.	4,600	4,550	4,800	50	-200										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,700	6,750	7,250	-50	-550										
Machinery (exc. elec.)	25,300	24,800	25,000	500	300	5,450	5,600	*5,600	-150	-150	24,050	23,600	24,350	450	-300
Electrical prods.	24,800	25,000	*27,550	-200	-2,750										
Miscellaneous prods.	2,200	2,200	2,250	0	-50										
Other durables	8,700	8,550	8,500	150	200	3,750	3,650	3,450	100	300	6,900	6,900	7,200	0	-300
Nondurable goods	39,100	39,000	41,250	100	-2,150	6,250	6,400	7,000	-150	-750	5,350	5,400	6,000	-50	-650
Food & kindred prods.	3,050	3,050	3,100	0	-50										
Textile mill prods.	3,750	3,750	4,300	0	-550										
Apparel	2,450	2,450	2,650	0	-200	1,800	1,850	2,100	-50	-300					
Paper & allied prods.	5,350	5,300	5,650	50	-300										
Print., pub. & allied	6,700	6,800	7,250	-100	-550										
Leather & lea. prods.	7,000	6,800	6,900	200	100										
Other nondurables	10,800	10,850	11,400	-50	-600	4,450	4,550	4,900	-100	-450					
Nonmanufacturing	366,900	368,150	330,950	-1,250	35,950	65,000	64,300	62,300	700	2,700	48,800	48,450	45,100	350	3,700
Construction (inc. min.)	36,150	36,550	28,200	-400	7,950	5,150	5,100	4,350	50	800	4,350	4,350	3,600	0	750
Trans., comm. & util.	15,700	15,700	15,250	0	450	4,900	4,850	4,800	50	100	2,350	2,350	2,200	0	150
Trade	125,350	124,450	108,450	900	16,900	20,850	20,500	20,500	350	350	18,150	17,750	16,700	400	1,450
Fin., ins. & real estate	26,150	26,050	24,150	100	2,000	6,950	6,900	6,600	50	350	2,850	2,800	2,700	50	150
Service industry & other	98,400	100,750	90,900	-2,350	7,500	19,400	19,300	18,300	100	1,100	15,000	15,150	14,000	-150	1,000
Government	65,150	64,650	64,000	500	1,150	7,750	7,650	7,750	100	0	6,100	6,050	5,900	50	200
Federal	12,250	12,200	12,000	50	250	2,300	2,250	2,200	50	100	700	700	750	0	-50
State	18,000	17,800	16,500	200	1,500	850	850	850	0	0	200	200	200	0	0
Local	34,900	34,650	35,500	250	-600	4,600	4,550	4,700	50	-100	5,200	5,150	4,950	50	250

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
Benchmark March 1984

Labor Disputes:
* Ind. 36 Nov. 1874 200 workers on strike not included

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Area and County

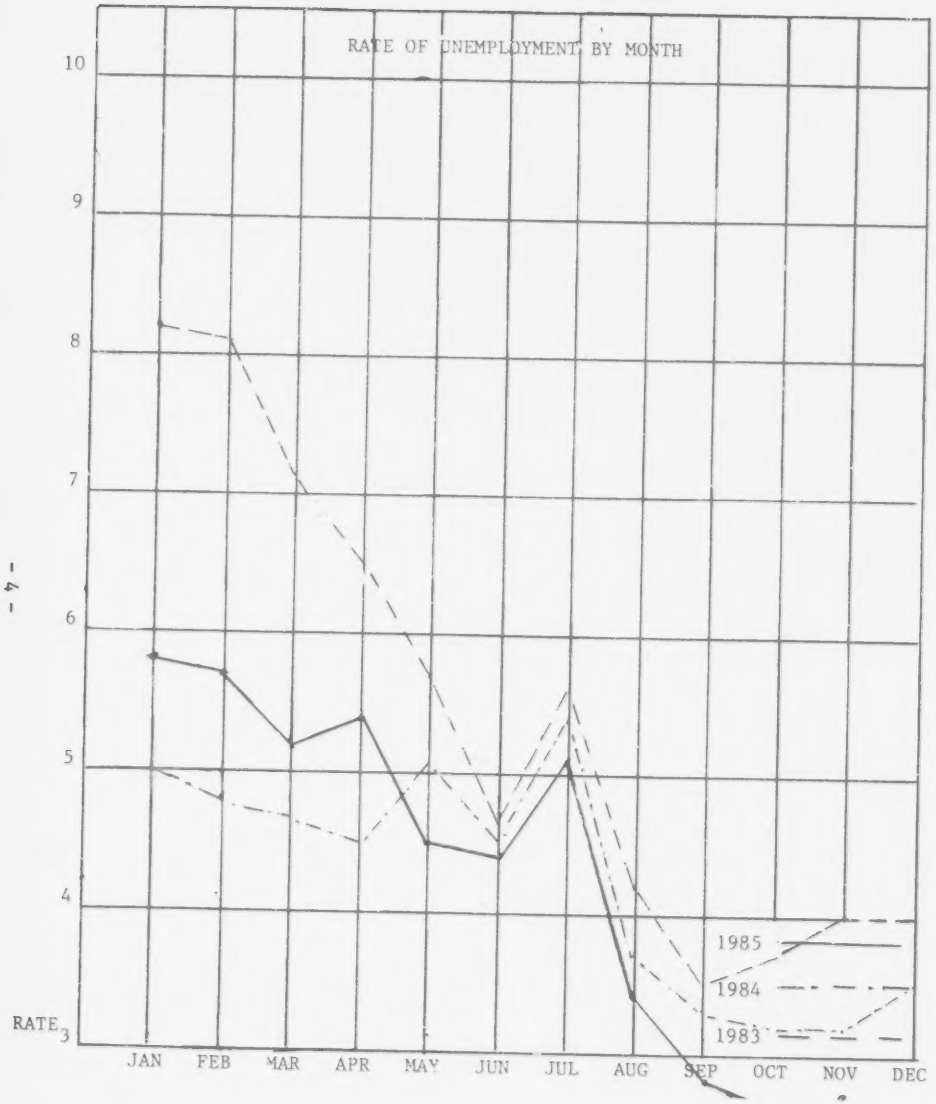
Area	Unemployment*						Numerical Change From Previous		Civilian Labor Force			Numerical Change From Previous	
	November 1985		October 1985		November 1984				November	October	November		
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year	1985	1985	1984	Month	Year
United States**	7,815	6.7	7,917	6.8	7,869	6.9	-102	-54	116,097	116,346	114,115	-249	1,982
New Hampshire	14,360	2.7	13,900	2.6	17,110	3.2	460	-2,750	540,040	540,240	527,010	-200	13,030
Area													
Berlin LMA	830	4.2	590	2.9	860	4.6	240	-30	19,580	20,070	18,720	-490	860
Claremont LMA	690	1.8	710	1.8	840	2.3	-20	-150	38,730	38,810	36,690	-80	2,040
Concord LMA	840	1.8	840	1.8	930	2.1	0	-90	46,570	46,370	44,280	200	2,290
Keene LMA	760	1.9	820	2.1	810	2.1	-60	-50	40,110	39,700	39,140	410	970
Laconia LMA	900	2.0	970	2.1	1,130	2.6	-70	-230	45,340	46,260	43,890	-920	1,450
Littleton LMA	710	4.8	300	2.0	870	6.3	410	-160	14,670	15,170	13,740	-500	930
Manchester MSA	1,780	2.0	1,780	2.0	1,860	2.1	0	-80	88,480	87,810	88,600	670	-120
Nashua PMSA	2,600	2.7	2,560	2.7	2,090	2.2	40	510	96,530	95,700	95,800	830	650
N.H. Portion of Lawrence Haverhill MA. PMSA ***	2,060	4.3	2,120	4.4	2,930	6.3	-60	-870	48,280	48,150	46,850	130	1,430
Portsmouth - Dover - Rochester N.H. - ME.	2,870	2.7	2,700	2.6	4,770	4.6	170	-1,900	104,830	105,570	102,980	-740	1,850
Unattached Estimating Area ****	500	3.4	540	3.6	610	4.3	-40	-110	14,850	14,810	14,030	40	820
Town of Pelham (Part of Lowell MA - NH PMSA)	200	3.8	200	3.9	120	2.4	0	80	5,250	5,180	4,940	70	310
County													
Belknap	470	2.0	480	2.0	590	2.6	-10	-120	23,130	23,540	22,370	-410	760
Carroll	290	2.1	260	1.8	450	3.6	30	-160	13,780	14,100	13,350	-320	430
Cheshire	690	1.9	750	2.1	730	2.1	-60	-40	35,930	35,570	35,060	360	870
Coos	880	5.1	570	3.2	920	5.6	310	-40	17,290	17,720	16,440	-430	850
Grafton	940	2.6	700	1.9	1,090	3.2	240	-150	35,490	36,120	33,610	-630	1,880
Hillsborough	4,480	2.4	4,430	2.4	4,070	2.2	50	410	183,160	181,650	181,760	1,510	1,400
Merrimack	1,000	1.8	1,050	1.8	1,090	2.0	-50	-90	57,010	56,990	54,690	20	2,320
Rockingham	3,820	3.5	3,770	3.5	5,110	4.9	50	-1,290	107,970	107,830	105,030	140	2,940
Strafford	1,380	3.0	1,480	3.2	2,570	5.6	-100	-1,190	46,310	46,720	45,770	-410	540
Sullivan	410	2.1	410	2.1	490	2.6	0	-80	19,970	20,000	18,930	-30	1,040

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA — includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.

Nashua PMSA — is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1985	1984	1983	1982
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - November	322.6			
Percent change from year ago	3.4			
Year average		307.6	297.4	288.6
Percent increase each year		3.4	3.0	6.0
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - November	326.6			
Percent change from year ago	3.6			
Year average		311.1	298.4	289.1
Percent increase each year		4.3	3.2	6.1

NEW HAMPSHIRE OCCUPATIONS WITH OVER 200
AVERAGE ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS

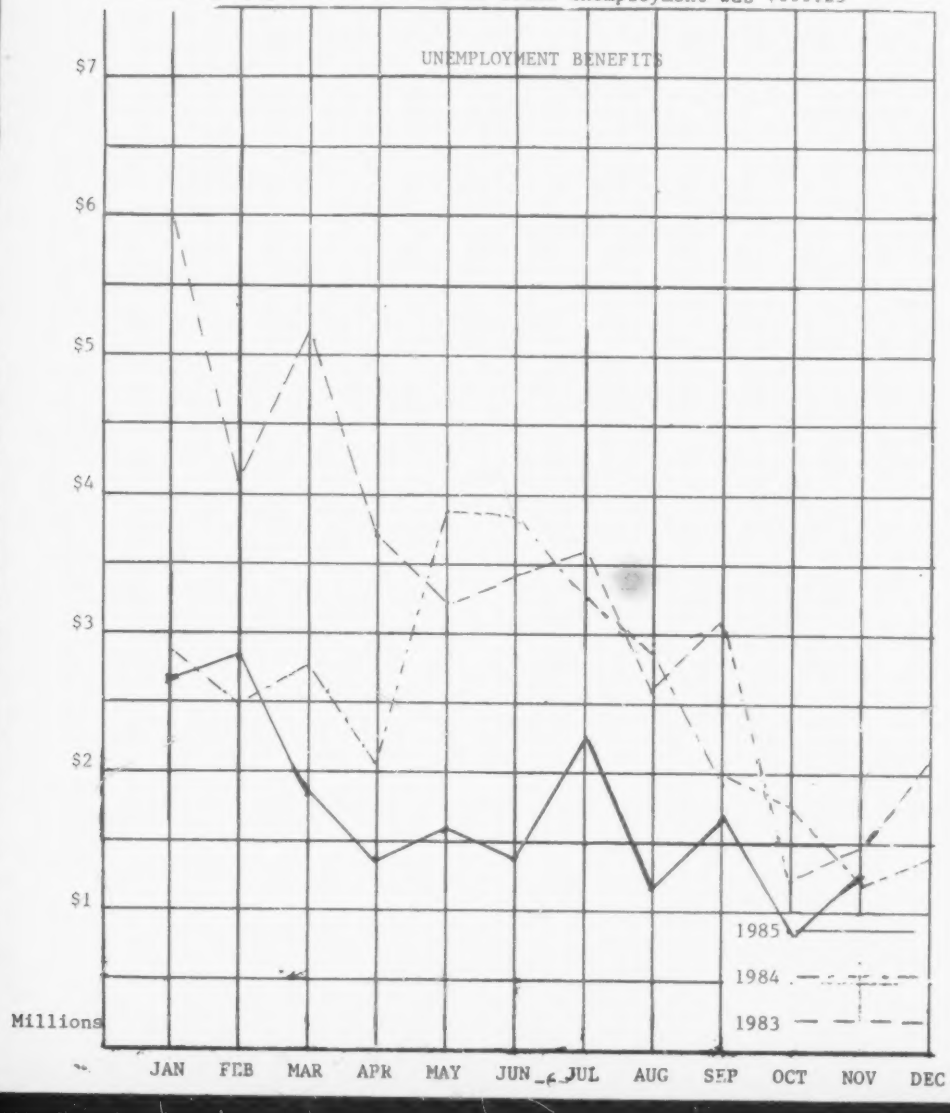
OCCUPATIONAL TITLE	EMPLOYMENT 1983	EMPLOYMENT 1995	AVERAGE GROWTH RATE	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS
Janitors & cleaners inc. maids	10854	16306	4.2	1496
Salesperson, retail	12895	20551	4.9	1416
General office clerk	9323	13926	4.1	891
Cashiers	9120	14886	5.3	828
Secretaries	10509	16118	4.4	799
Bookkeeping, acctg. audit. clerks	8112	11953	3.9	735
Stock clerk, sales floor	6183	10568	5.9	723
Food preparation worker	5383	8047	4.1	668
Waiters & waitresses	10104	15388	4.4	662
Truck drivers	9091	12507	3.1	545
Comb. food prep. & services wkr.	4104	6426	4.7	544
Registered nurses	7229	10873	4.2	526
Teachers, kinder. & elementary	7394	10999	4.1	434
Assem. & fabric. exc. elec.	4781	7812	5.3	414
Guards and watch guards	2220	3361	4.3	407
Blue collar worker supervisors	6479	8604	2.7	399
Precision insp., tester, graders	2298	3995	6.2	351
Teachers, secondary	5638	8346	4.0	316
Electric & electronic assemble	3020	5479	6.8	314
Carpenters	5389	6953	2.4	312
Acccuntant and auditor	3561	5354	4.2	294
Electric & electron. equip. assem.	2550	4922	7.8	286
Electric & electron. engineers	2983	5393	6.7	281
Typists	3901	5856	4.2	281
Stock clerk, stockrm. wareh., yd.	3625	5436	4.2	278
Maint. repairer, general utility	3232	4699	3.8	231
Sales agent & placer, insur.	2169	3306	4.4	225
Painters & paperhangers	2179	3331	4.4	205

This data is from our revised occupational projections based on employment trends through 1983. A revised occupational projections report by labor market area will be published in March - April of 1986.

Weekly Claims Filed During November 1985
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	3,724	10,694	19	52	4	14	34	92	21	33
Berlin	240	929	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claremont	98	352	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	3
Concord	306	541	3	4	0	1	3	3	1	2
Conway	73	228	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	5
Dover	583	1,636	1	12	0	3	7	44	5	11
Keene	121	474	0	8	2	4	3	2	0	0
Laconia	229	440	2	4	1	1	1	3	1	3
Lebanon	43	162	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Littleton	282	799	5	17	0	1	5	13	0	0
Manchester	421	1,458	0	0	0	0	5	7	3	5
Nashua	738	1,279	0	1	0	0	5	5	5	0
Portsmouth	286	1,126	1	1	0	0	2	6	3	4
Salem	104	412	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0
Liable Interstate	200	858	4	4	0	1	0	3	1	0

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $111.23



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$119,162,895.60

Net contributions received during month:

$ 1,989,473.76

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 1,216,504.45

Interest Received:

$ 2,873,935.51

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
All manufacturing	$352.73	$348.16	$332.07	41.4	41.3	41.2	$8.52	$8.43	$8.06
Durable goods	369.98	364.83	346.94	41.9	41.6	41.7	8.83	8.77	8.32
Lumber & wood prods.	242.70	253.62	259.97	38.1	39.2	41.2	6.37	6.47	6.31
Furniture & fixtures	276.28	275.99	262.68	39.3	38.6	38.8	7.03	7.15	6.77
Stone & clay prods.	342.30	331.52	344.36	42.0	41.7	43.7	8.15	7.95	7.88
Primary metal prods.	417.69	396.77	365.03	44.2	42.3	44.3	9.45	9.38	8.24
Fab. metal prods.	344.68	340.62	304.10	42.5	42.0	29.7	8.11	8.11	7.66
Mach. (exc. elec.)	415.85	400.96	392.90	45.3	44.7	44.8	9.18	8.97	8.77
Electrical prods.	383.76	382.40	356.00	40.1	40.0	40.0	9.57	9.56	8.90
Miscellaneous prods.	257.15	265.44	255.44	39.2	40.9	40.1	6.56	6.49	6.37
Other durables	371.54	368.15	349.21	41.1	40.5	40.7	9.04	9.09	8.58
Nondurable goods	321.96	319.02	305.42	40.6	40.9	40.4	7.93	7.80	7.56
Food & kindred prods.	404.15	375.96	390.64	40.7	40.6	42.6	9.93	9.26	9.17
Textile mill prods.	285.80	292.60	267.42	41.3	42.1	38.7	6.92	6.95	6.91
Apparel	215.65	209.62	210.55	37.9	37.1	37.8	5.69	5.65	5.57
Paper & allied prods.	460.28	450.77	444.58	47.5	47.4	47.6	9.69	9.51	9.34
Print., pub. & allied	339.79	328.82	304.40	38.7	40.1	40.0	8.78	8.20	7.61
Leather & lea. prods.	204.98	202.58	187.28	37.0	36.9	34.3	5.54	5.49	5.46
Footwear	193.61	191.42	176.21	36.6	36.6	33.5	5.29	5.23	5.26
Other nondurables	355.26	360.36	337.26	41.6	42.0	42.0	8.54	8.58	8.03

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 53%

Total Production Workers: 83,550

Firms Reporting: 348

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
All manufacturing	$341.47	$331.17	$312.73	40.7	39.9	40.3	$8.39	$8.30	$7.76
Durable goods	366.13	353.73	340.25	41.0	39.7	40.7	8.93	8.91	8.36
Mach. & elec. prods.	368.92	349.72	352.38	40.9	38.6	42.0	9.02	9.06	8.39
Other durables	361.21	359.72	322.37	41.0	41.3	38.7	8.81	8.71	8.33
Nondurable goods	306.68	298.00	279.40	40.3	40.0	39.8	7 61	7.45	7.02
Textiles & apparel	267.70	269.20	256.23	39.6	40.0	39.0	6.76	6.73	6.57
Other nondurables	321.55	309.97	288.72	40.6	40.1	40.1	7.92	7.73	7.20

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 52%

Total Production Workers: 11,150

Firms Reporting: 42

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
All manufacturing	$423.94	$420.24	$406.16	41.0	41.2	41.7	$10.34	$10.20	$9.74
Durable goods	426.83	427.23	409.36	41.4	41.6	41.9	10.31	10.27	9.77
Mach. & elec. prods.	463.91	457.85	438.01	41.2	41.1	41.4	11.26	11.14	10.58
Other durables	332.77	348.39	334.71	41.7	42.8	43.3	7.98	8.14	7.73
Nondurable goods	410.16	385.93	387.32	39.1	39.3	40.6	10.49	9.82	9.54

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 60%

Total Production Workers: 19,950

Firms Reporting: 71